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God Kept His Word

Bill Brinkworth

God said He would keep His Word for and with us, and He has done so!

“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isa. 40:8
According to verse seven, the grass refers to people. People will come and go, but God's Word will always be amongst us.

“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” I Pet. 1:25 Also: Psalms 102:12, Luke 16:17.

God preserved His Word in written form.

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” Mat. 5:18 Jot and tittle refer to the dialectical marks of the languages used. This implies that the preserved word is in written form!

Its preservation is essential to our faith. Why would God require it if He would not keep it for us?

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Rom. 10:17

Many places in the Scriptures were quoted accurately at a later date by prophets, leaders, rulers, and even Christ. “As it is written” is used in 49 verses, indicating that the preserved Word was trusted then.

It is inspired! “God breathed” into the originals, and He has preserved His original inspiration.

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” Psa. 12:6-7

We have the inspired, preserved Word of God!

There have always been copies. The originals have never been gathered together in one place. **There are now no originals!** From the beginning, God has used and blessed copies:

- Moses broke the first tablets. God made sure His people had an accurate copy of them.

- King Jehoiakim (Jer. 36) did not like what Jehudi read from the Word of God and burnt them. God again gave it to Jeremiah. Then it was thrown in the river (Jer. 51:63); end of original #2, but we still have it now. It is preserved!

The Hebrews preserved the Old Testament in the Masoretic Text. The New Testament was preserved in Greek in the Textus Receptus. There have been copies from those translated texts since 150 AD.

Different men had a burden that the Word of God be written in a language the common person could read. Before their work, only certain clergy could read it. They only told the masses what they wanted them to hear, often in a language the people did not understand. The work of many preserved God's Word in these forms from such men as Erasmus, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, and the six companies of 47-54 (according to different accounts) translators that translated the 1611 King James.

The King James 1611 had several changes done to it up to 1769. The KJV that we read today is the 1769 version. All the 400 changes from the 1611 to the 1769 version were spelling and grammatical changes as the written English language grew more consistent and changed. Compare those minimal changes to the thousands of alterations reportedly changed in the New King James Version in the 5th version from the 1st version.

KJV 1611: "For God so loued the world, the he gaue his only begotten Sonne: that whosoever beleuerth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life." John 3:16 *Notice where we used a "v" the earlier language used a "u". Also: "I"'s were used as "J"'s, "f"'s for "s"'s....*

KJV 1769: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Since the beginning, Satan has gotten man to doubt and question the Word of God. If you doubt it, you will not believe it or live it. I am sure this is why Satan has done much to water down God's Word, hide His Word, or get people confused enough not to read or believe the Bible.

Gen. 3:1 "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Even the early church had to deal with Satan's attack on the Truth. That attack continues even more so in these last crucial days!

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." II Cor. 2:17

If the Bible is missing or has words changed, it is not the preserved Word of God that God promised to keep. **All** modern translations and revisions have changed words. They cannot be trusted. They are tampering with the Word of God!

The modern translations and revisions are counterfeits!

- Their root is from Egypt. The Bible has a negative outlook on Egypt (Rev. 11:8.), especially Alexandria (Acts 6:9, Col. 2:8). Alexandria is where the philosophy that the Bible is

fallible (Origen) grew and that it has mistakes and must be corrected. Most modern translations come from the Alexandrian manuscripts.

- They remove or change words. i.e.: NIV is 90,000 words short of what is in the KJV.
- They change the meaning of the verses. Bible teachings are altered many times to suit the author or organization producing the “bible” and their beliefs. Often the new perversions change verses dealing with the deity of Christ, Jesus’ virgin birth, Hell, and salvation.
- The new “bibles” bring confusion. Who is the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33)? Not God! Satan is behind the perversion of God’s Word. The perversions change biblical doctrine!
- They profess to make the Word of God easier to understand, but they do not! The Holy Spirit reveals the understanding of God’s Word to man, not man’s intellect. The “bible” is said to be made “easier” to understand, yet fewer than ever are reading any version!

There is a battle raging over the souls of man. The warfare can only be won with the Word of God. Many, including Satan, are working hard to dull the only spiritual weapon man has. God has made sure the Bible is still preserved in the KJV. Do you read and obey it?

“If the modern ‘bibles’ are supposed to make it easier to understand and also correct ‘mistakes,’ why did 300+ different English versions still not make it easy enough and get it right, and why are they still creating more versions? The answer is that the goal is not to make the Word of God clearer, but to make money and make it say what they want!”

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There are thousands of changes in all the different versions. Here are a few so one can get an idea as to how man has changed what God has said!

They change God’s Commandments.

King James (KJV): “And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Acts 8:37

New International Version (NIV): Verse removed and footnoted

New American Standard Version (NASV): Verse removed and footnoted

New World Translation (NWT — Jehovah Witness Bible): Verse removed.

Revised Standard Version (RSV): Verse removed and footnoted

New Century Version (NCV): Verse removed and footnoted.

These re-writers wanted to do away with the biblical teaching of baptism!

They alter truths about Christ.

(KJV) “And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.” Mat. 1:25

(NASV) “and kept her virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called his name Jesus.”

(RSV) “but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.”

(NIV) “But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

Other versions remove wording that indicates Jesus was Mary's firstborn son.

(KJV) "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." Mat. 18:11

(NASB) This verse is footnoted and implies that it should not be there.

(NIV) Verse removed and footnoted (footnote is changed, however).

(NWT) Verse removed.

(NCV) Verse removed.

The important reason for Jesus Christ's coming has been deleted! The way of salvation is removed!

They alter truths about judgment and Hell!

"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:46

(NIV) Omitted and footnoted

(NWT, NASB, NCV, RSV, Amplified) Omitted.

They do not make God's word easier to understand, as they claim!

(KJV) "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" Eph. 5:18

New King James Version (NKJV) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation...."

(NIV) "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

(KJV) "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up." Daniel 3:2

(NKJV) "And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up." A difficult word was inserted, and facts were changed.

(NIV) "He then summoned the satraps, prefects"

They change facts:

"Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table." I Kings 18:19

(NKJV, NIV, NCV, NASB, RSV) "... and the four hundred prophets of Asherah"

(NWT) "... four hundred prophets of sacred pole"

In the Catholic Confraternity Version (1963), this verse is found in III Kings 18:19.

They not only remove and change words, but they add words.

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:19

(The Amplified Bible) "And if any one cancels or takes away from the statements of the book of this prophecy — these predictions relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions (warnings) pertaining to them — God will cancel and take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the city of holiness (pure and hallowed) which are described and promised in this book." — *wheeww!*

"Things That Are Different Are Not the Same!"

— Title of Dr. Mickey Carter's book on the Bible version issue